

## **FISCAL NOTE**

### **SB 3423 – HB 3854**

February 6, 2008

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Requires any traffic citation which is mailed to the owner of record of a motor vehicle for any violation captured on camera be sent by certified mail, return receipt requested.

### **ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

#### **Increase Local Expenditures\* – Exceeds \$500,000**

##### Assumptions:

- According to the Department of Safety, the department does not use surveillance cameras for traffic enforcement. As a result, there would be no fiscal impact to the department.
- According to the Comptroller, the City of Gallatin utilizes cameras for traffic enforcement and issued approximately 20,000 citations last year using cameras.
- According to the Comptroller, these citations are currently mailed first-class at a postage rate of \$0.41 each. The rate for sending certified letters, with a return receipt is \$5.21 each. Therefore, the additional postage expense for carrying out the provisions of this bill is estimated to be \$4.80 per citation mailed.
- The increase of expenditures for the City of Gallatin would be approximately \$96,000 (20,000 citations x \$4.80 increase = \$96,000) per year.
- The number of other local governments utilizing cameras for traffic enforcement is unknown. As a result, the increase to local expenditures is estimated to exceed \$500,000 per year.

\*Article II, Section 24 of the Tennessee Constitution provides that: *no law of general application shall impose increased expenditure requirements on cities or counties unless the General Assembly shall provide that the state share in the cost.*

**CERTIFICATION:**

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "J".

James W. White, Executive Director

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